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Jahai language

Jahai (Jehai) is an aboriginal Mon–Khmer language spoken by the Jahai people living in Taman Negeri Diraja Belum of Perak, Malaysia. The small number of speakers is increasing.

Jahai vocabulary includes a series of words for describing odors.[3]

Jahai	
Native to	Malaysia, a few in Thailand
Ethnicity	1,800 (2008)[1]
Native speakers	1,000 in Malaysia (2006)[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic ▪ Aslian ▪ Jahaic ▪ Eastern ▪ **Jahai**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`jhi`
Glottolog	`jeha1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/jeha1242)`[2]

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Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i ĩ	ɨ ɨ̃	u ũ
Close-mid	e		o
Open-mid	ɛ ɛ̃	ə ə̃	ɔ ɔ̃
Open		a ã	

Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	voiceless	p	t	c	k	ʔ
	voiced	b	d	ɟ	g	
Nasal		m	n	ɲ	ŋ	
Fricative		ɸ		s		h
Lateral			l			
Rhotic			ɾ~r			
Approximant		w		j		

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External links

- http://projekt.ht.lu.se/rwaai RWAAI (Repository and Workspace for Austroasiatic Intangible Heritage)
- http://hdl.handle.net/10050/00-0000-0000-0003-6701-4@view Jahai in RWAAI Digital Archive

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